

**Department of Transportation
Public Information Meeting Summary
Project No. 25-138
Safety and Drainage Improvements on Route 10
At King Road**

**Town of Cheshire
Tuesday, October 23, 2012**

Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation

William Britnell, P.E. – Principal Engineer – Highway Design
Scott Bushee, P.E. – Project Manager – Highway Design
Byong Kim – Project Engineer – Highway Design
Vitalij Staroverov – Transportation Engineer – Highway Design
Mohammed Bishtawi – Project Manager – District 1 Construction
James Ruitto – Project Engineer – District 1 Construction

Town of Cheshire

Michael Milone – Town Manager
George Noewatne – Acting Director Public Works/Town Engineer

Residents

18 residents attended meeting.

Open House at 7:00 p.m.: Mr. Scott Bushee, Byong Kim and Vitalij Staroverov addressed individual resident's concerns utilizing colored presentation plans.

Presentation at 7:30 p.m.: Mr. Byong Kim and Vitalij Staroverov presented the project with a PowerPoint presentation. It was explained that informational handouts were available including comment forms. Comments in addition to those gathered at the meeting were requested to be submitted within two weeks. Comments received as part of the Public Information Meeting process would be reviewed prior to proceeding further with the design.

The presentation covered the following items:

- ⇒ Project location and existing conditions
- ⇒ High crash experience at existing intersection (wet weather often a factor):
 - Run-off-the-Road vehicles hitting fixed object on Route 42 at King Road
 - Vehicles travelling in opposite direction sideswiping each other on Route 42 at King Road
- ⇒ Improvements proposed to address safety and drainage concerns:
 - Installation of chevrons will visually help delineate the roadway curve
 - Banking the outer lane in the roadway curve by raising the gutter line will help the motorist stay in his lane (superelevate the roadway)
 - Lowering the crest on Route 42 will help eastbound motorists see stopped motorists on King Road and vice versa (intersection sight line)
 - Installation of a lawn drain, additional drainage inlets and upgrading the drainage pipes on Route 42 and King Road will reduce the flooding on Route 42
 - The existing drainage system from Route 42 to the backyards of abutting properties will be disconnected

- Installation of sidewalks and ramps along with a crosswalk on Route 42 at the intersection with King Road
- ⇒ Rights-of-Way:
 - Most of the proposed work will be constructed within the State and Town of Cheshire Right-of-Way. Rights to Grade to blend the existing front yards to the proposed sidewalk construction will be requested. Also, Rights to Construct Driveway to rebuild driveway aprons to match into the roadway will be requested.
- ⇒ Maintaining Traffic Flow:
 - Alternating one-way traffic will be utilized during working hours and no detours are proposed
 - Access to private properties will be maintained at all times
- ⇒ Cost & Schedule:
 - Total construction cost is estimated at \$1.8 million.
 - Design is scheduled to be completed in December 2012. Start of construction is anticipated in summer 2013 and will be completed in fall 2013.

Public Comments and Questions: The following questions and comments were made, as summarized below:

- ⇒ At 1105 King Road, water comes off from a hillside and runs across the property into the front yard and onto the road. This runoff freezes in the winter and town forces come out to scrape it off. Is it possible to solve this surface runoff issue? – Mr. Bushee stated that a catch basin may help this issue and would investigate further.
- ⇒ On Route 42, there is a ponding issue approximately 900' north from the intersection of Route 42 and King Road. This area is at a low point on the road and lacks illumination. Can this issue be addressed and included in the project? – Mr. Bushee responded that the Department would examine this concern.
- ⇒ A new crosswalk is being proposed on the west side of King Road to cross Route 42. There is foot traffic eastbound towards the High School. Is it not safer to install the crosswalk just to the east of King Road? - The Department was informed by the town that the majority of the pedestrian traffic heads westbound onto Route 42. The Department will reexamine the crossing with the Town.
- ⇒ A property owner stated that a week and half ago, state forces were working on Route 42 and damaged his front lawn. The owner asked whether this is what the residents should expect after the project is completed? - Mr. Bushee responded that after the project is completed, an inspection is held to walk through the project site. Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that the damage was caused during utility work.
- ⇒ The owner of the property at 267 N. Brooksville Road stated that his driveway floods from a 4" pipe from his property connected to the highway drainage. Can DOT examine this concern? - The Department agreed to investigate his driveway concern, but suggested that improvements to Route 42 and King Road drainage would help.

The general consensus seemed to be that safety and drainage improvements are necessary at this intersection and support was shown for the proposed project.

The question and answer session was concluded at approximately 8:30 p.m.